



FAA Orlando FSDO AIRWORTHINESS SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE CHECKLIST

Aircraft : _____ **Reg.** _____ **S/N** _____

No secrets, No surprises: The following items must be verified and current in order to render a 'Standard Airworthiness' determination on a civil aircraft operating FAR Part 91 :

- P** _____ **P**reflight action - Ref. FAR 91.103 and FAR 91.7
- A** _____ **A**irworthiness Certificate (original) - Ref. FAR 91.203
- R** _____ **R**egistration Certificate (original) - Ref. FAR 91.203
- R** _____ **R**adio Operator Ship License (Int'l flights or 12,500 lbs. +) **FCC rule**
- A** _____ **A**ircraft Flight Manual or Pilot Operating Handbook (current revision)
including current weight and balance data- Ref. FAR 91.9
- C** _____ **C**urrent status listing of all applicable Airworthiness Directives including
time or date of recurring action - Ref. FAR 91.417, **FAR 39**
- I** _____ **I**nspection due date, Annual/100 hour/progressive event – Ref. FAR 91.409/417
- E** _____ **E**LT - battery due date - Ref. FAR 91.207 (c) **(50 NM radius)**
- E** _____ **E**LT – within last 12 months ops. inspection - Ref. FAR 91.207 (d)
- V** _____ **V**OR Equipment Check for IFR operation - Ref. FAR 91.171 **(IFR)**
- C** _____ **C**ompass Deviation Card - Ref. FAR 23.1547
- S** _____ **S**tatic System Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.411 **(IFR)**
- A** _____ **A**ltimeter Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.411 **(IFR)**
- T** _____ **T**ransponder Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.413 **(ATC)**
- C** _____ **C**urrent Status of Life-limited parts per T.C.D.S. – Ref. FAR 91.417
- F** _____ **F**AA form 337's for alterations or repairs - Ref. FAR 91.417
- I** _____ **I**noperative Equipment Certifications - Ref. FAR 91.405
- E** _____ **E**xternal Data Plate / Serial Number – Ref. FAR 45.11

"Airworthy" means an aircraft and component parts meet its type design (or properly altered configuration) and is in a condition for safe operation. (References: Public Law 103-272, Section 44704, FAR 21.31, FAR 21.41, FAR 21.183, AC43.13-1B glossary, FAA Form 8100-2)

Fellow airmen: This general checklist is a living document and references were current at the time of this revision. It was not developed or intended to be an 'end-all' checklist for flight planning purposes. The purpose of this checklist list is to aid the airman and to increase industry awareness of the associated responsibilities with the term "airworthy". The decision to accept an aircraft in its' present condition rests with the Pilot-In-Command. Constructive criticism of this content is welcome and encouraged. At least then we know you are putting some thought into the matter.....use in good health and good faith !

Have a Safe Flight !

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